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Brian and Steve,

As I discussed recently with each of you, NDEP is providing a follow up to our May 8 e-mail to Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) and May 11 e-mail to Singatse Peak Services (SPS) regarding long-term options for addressing the Arimetco Operable Unit (OU-8).

Because we understand that SPS and ARC are attempting to coordinate on these issues and have requested additional time, we now request your written response by **Tuesday, June 30, 2015**.

We are requesting a written response that describes ARC and SPS willingness, conditions, and criteria for participating in a long-term solution to OU-8, including the following:

- Timing for making a decision on participation relative to other major site activities and decisions;
- Any necessary or threshold conditions;
- Liability protections requested; and
- Scope and percentage range of potential participation relative to OU-8 remedial alternative components and phases included in the Conceptual Closure Plan – Focused Feasibility Study prepared by SRK on behalf of NDEP. A draft version of the Conceptual Closure Plan document was provided to SPS for review and comment in August 2014 and we will distribute a final version no later than this Thursday June 11, 2015.


To the extent we receive specific responses to each of these issues, NDEP and EPA will have better information with which to make a decision about pursuing alternatives to funding a long term solution to OU-8. We appreciate that ARC and SPS have a lot to consider and we are available for further discussion or clarification on this request as you develop your response.

Based on NDEP's March 19, 2015 meeting with Freeport McMoran (FM) and my discussion on May 11, 2015 with Bruce Goff (FM Director of Business Development) we understand that FM is still evaluating their potential continued investment in the Yerington area. FM has indicated

they will not be ready earlier than 18 to 36 months from now to begin to consider their involvement or participation in Anaconda/Yerington mine site investigation and cleanup.

Thanks,

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